

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11, 12, 14, 17-20, 27-29, 30, 32-35 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 11, 27 and 32 are amended herein. Claims 1-9, 11, 12, 14, 17- 20, 27-29, 30, 32-35 remain for consideration. No new matter has been added.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's willingness to discuss the pending claims in the telephone conference of March 22, 2006.

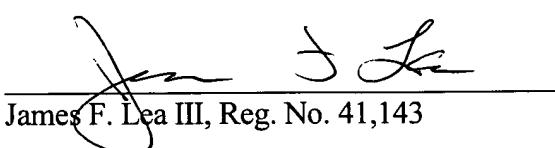
Please contact the undersigned if it appears that a portion of this preliminary amendment is missing or if there remain additional matters to resolve with regard to it. If the Examiner feels that processing of the application can be expedited in any respect by a personal conference, please consider this an invitation to contact the undersigned by phone.

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Application No. 10/671,342
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Considering the foregoing, it is sincerely believed that this case is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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